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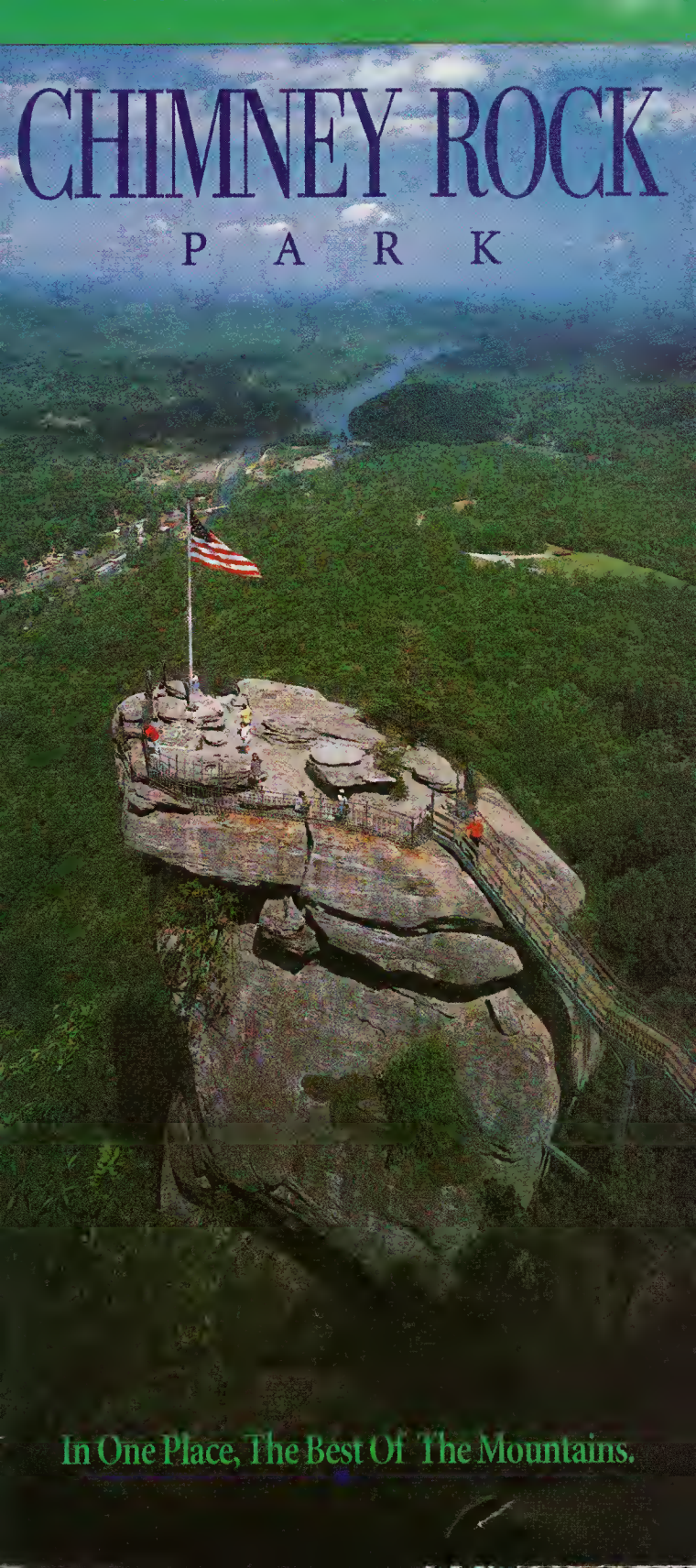

In One Place, The Best Of The Mountains.

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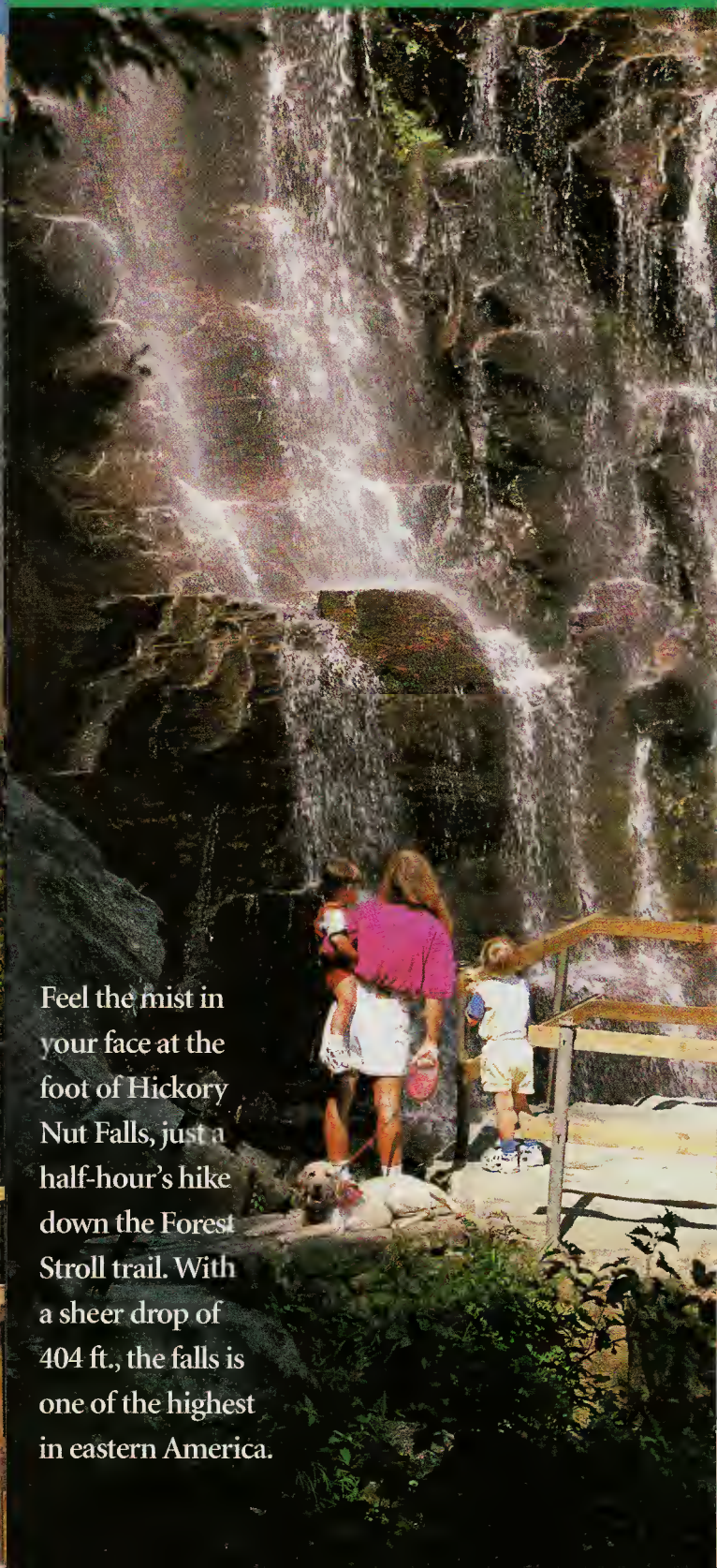

Feel the mist in your face at the foot of Hickory Nut Falls, just a half-hour's hike down the Forest Stroll trail. With a sheer drop of 404 ft., the falls is one of the highest in eastern America.

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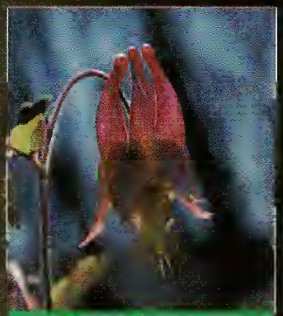
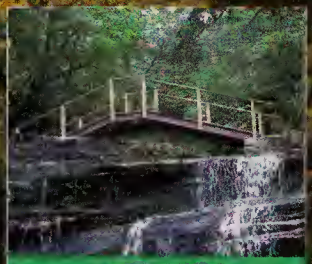
til one has been to the mountain, stood at its summit, and breathed the same air as the Creator.



Natural beauty...

Coming to the mountains is one of the authentic experiences in life, like going to the sea. It brings you closer to nature, to yourself. So now that you've come to the mountains, keep on coming. You simply haven't had the whole experience until you stand at the top of a 500 million-year-old rock on the edge of a tall mountain with the wind in your face and the world spread out beneath you, as you feel in your knees how high you are. You'll stand in awe of the view – 1200 vertical feet down – along Hickory Nut Gorge to Lake Lure and, on a clear day, as far as Kings Mountain, seventy-five miles to the east beyond the Blue Ridge Mountains.

A sense of peace...



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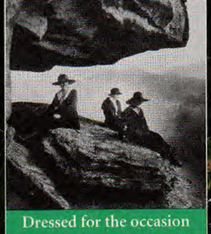
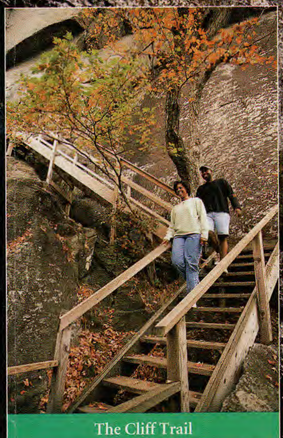
At the turn of the century, Dr. Lucius Morse came to the mountains seeking a more favorable climate. He was so intrigued by the giant granite monolith towering over Hickory Nut Gorge that he bought 64 acres of Chimney Rock Mountain. It was his dream to preserve its beauty and heritage while developing a natural scenic attraction.

Dr. Morse

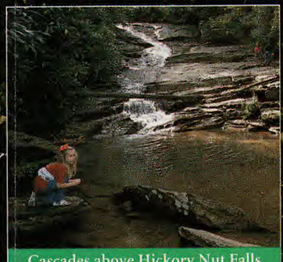
Today, the Park – still owned and operated by the Morse family – encompasses 1000 acres, including Chimney Rock itself, and Hickory Nut Falls. To fully appreciate its infinite variety of natural wonders, visitors may learn more about the Park's flora, fauna and geology at the Nature Center. Dr. Morse's legacy lives on.



Dressed for the occasion



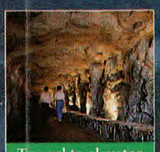
The Cliff Trail



Cascades above Hickory Nut Falls

Be Elevated.

Chimney Rock Park is the natural fulfillment of your trip to the mountains. Take a deep breath of cool, clean mountain air, then head for the top where you can reach the Chimney and the trails. You can take the elevator 26 stories inside the mountain to the Sky Lounge gift shop and snack bar, or hike along an exciting trail which features a subterranean shortcut, catwalks from rock to rock, and a stop at an authentic moonshiner's cave. After you've climbed to the top of the Chimney, head out along the Skyline Trail for a 45-minute scenic hike to the top of Hickory Nut Falls. It's all downhill from here, along a natural ledge traversing the sheer cliffs. As you wend your way back to the parking lot, you'll pass Inspiration Point, where the panoramic view will take your breath away. Allow about two hours for the round trip. Next, try the Forest Stroll trail, an easier one-hour round trip hike through deep woods to the most dramatic view of the falls, as it plunges over the cliffs high above to a pool at your feet. If you brought a picnic lunch, you may want to stop at the Meadows, five acres of lush, green grass – inviting you to lie back and watch the clouds roll by. Chimney Rock Park is host to special events throughout the year, including an Easter sunrise service, an Earth Day celebration, demonstrations of rope and rock climbing, and guided bird and wildflower identification walks.

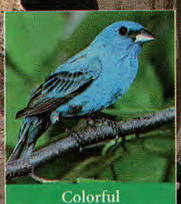

Tunnel to elevator

Needle's Eye

A Meadows cookout

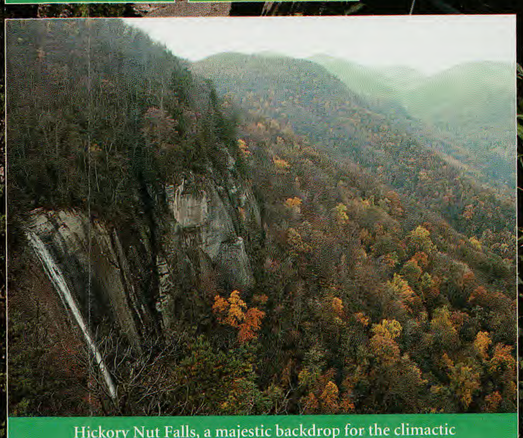
The Opera Box

Breathtaking


Colorful

Devil's Head

Fun for everyone!


Hickory Nut Falls, a majestic backdrop for the climactic scenes in the movie, "The Last Of The Mohicans"

Chimney Rock PARK

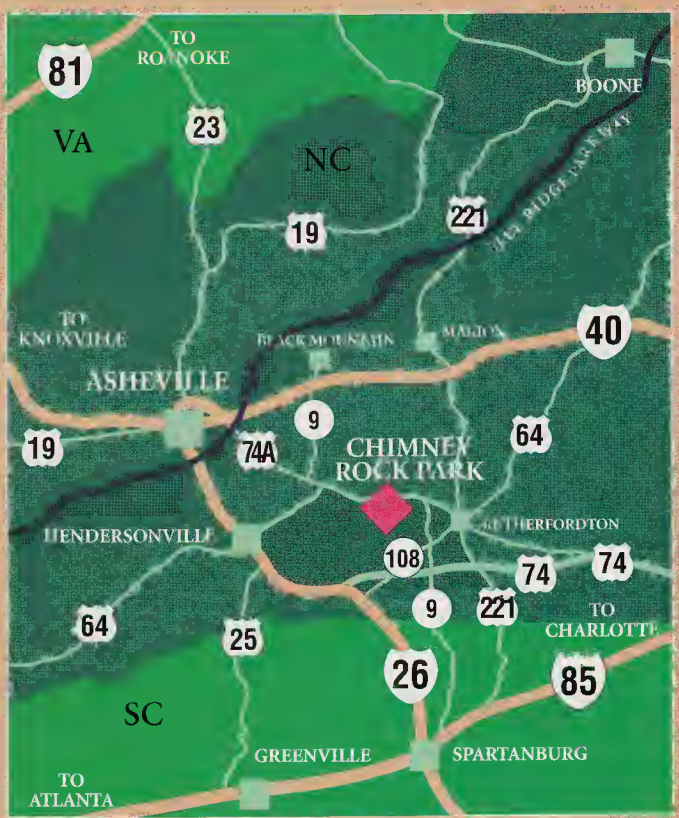
Chimney Rock Park, a privately-owned Natural Heritage Site, is located 25 miles southeast of Asheville, on US 64/74-A. The Park receives no government or outside funding.

- The Park is open daily all year, weather permitting, except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. Reduced rates apply when more than two trails are closed due to inclement weather.
- Ticket Plaza Hours: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM EST (8:30 - 5:30 Daylight Savings Time)
- The Park remains open 1-1/2 hours after Ticket Plaza closes.
- For more information, write or call:

Chimney Rock Park
Box 39, Chimney Rock, NC 28720
(828) 625-9611 or (800) 277-9611

www.chimneyrockpark.com

Chimney Rock Park is one of the Southern Highlands Attractions, which include: Biltmore Estate • The Blowing Rock • Christus Gardens • Gatlinburg Sky Lift • Grandfather Mountain • Great Smoky Mountains Railroad • Lookout Mountain Incline Railway • Lost Sea • Luray Caverns • Museum of the Cherokee Indian • Natural Bridge Village • Old Salem • Rock City Gardens • Rocky Mount • Ruby Falls • Tweetsie Railroad. (www.southernhighlands.org)



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